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Supplementary appendix

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Appendix

Supplementary Table 1: Sensitivity analyses and effect modification for the 'Remission' outcome

Analysis	EUC + CAP	EUC alone	Adjusted prevalence ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Sensitivity analyses				
Original analysis (MI)			1.50 (1.09, 2.07)	P=0.01
Complete case	59/164 (35.98%)	44/172 (25.58%)	1.44 (1.04, 1.99)	P=0.03
Complete case adjusting for counsellor as random effect	59/164 (35.98%)	44/172 (25.58%)	1.47 (0.97, 1.97)	P=0.08
MI adjusting for counsellor as random effect			1.54 (1.02, 2.05)	P=0.02
Effect modification				
Baseline AUDIT			p-value for effect modification=0.8	
12-15	40/107 (37.38%)	27/100 (27.00%)	1.41 (0.95, 2.11)	P=0.09
16-19	19/57 (33.33%)	17/72 (23.61%)	1.44 (0.82, 2.53)	P=0.20
Trying to change			p-value for effect modification=0.14	
Not already trying	30/78 (38.46%)	17/85 (20.00%)	2.00 (1.19, 3.33)	P=0.008
Already trying	29/86 (33.72%)	27/87 (31.03%)	1.14 (0.74, 1.76)	P=0.54
Expectations of usefulness of counselling			p-value for effect mod	ification=0.59
Not or somewhat useful	11/36 (30.56%)	9/38 (23.68%)	1.43 (0.64, 3.17)	P=0.38
Moderately or very useful	48/128 (37.50%)	35/134 (26.12%)	1.50 (1.05, 2.14)	P=0.02

Supplementary Table 2: Sensitivity analyses and effect modification for the 'ethanol consumption' outcome

Analysis	EUC + CAP	EUC alone	aOR or count ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Sensitivity analyses				
Original analysis (MI)			aOR=3.00 (1.76, 5.13)	P<0.0001
			Count ratio=1.08 (0.79, 1.49)	P=0.62

Complete case	Non drinkers: 68/164 (41.46%)	31/172 (18.02%)	aOR=3.58 (2.04, 6.29)	P<0.0001
P	Mean in drinkers: 37.00 (44.21)	31.05 (27.77%)	Count ratio=1.03 (0.79, 1.36)	P=0.81
Complete case adjusting for	,		aOR=3.58 (2.78, 4.61)	P<0.0001
counsellor as random effect ¹			Count ratio=1.03 (0.80, 1.34)	P=0.80
MI adjusting for counsellor as			aOR=3.00 (2.16, 4.18)	P<0.0001
random effect			Count ratio=1.08 (0.80, 1.47)	P=0.60
Effect modification				
Baseline AUDIT score			Overall p-effect modification=0.07 ²	
			p-effect modification (aOR)=0.0	8
			p-effect modification (Count rati	o)=0.15
12-15	Non drinkers: 47/107 (43.93%)	14/100 (14.00%)	aOR=4.51 (1.94, 10.51)	P=0.0001
	Mean in drinkers: 29.62 (30.22)	28.67 (25.11)	Count ratio=0.94 (0.67, 1.31)	P=0.71
16-19	Non drinkers: 21/57 (36.84%)	17/72 (23.61%)	aOR=1.91 (0.84, 4.38)	P=0.12
	Mean in drinkers: 49.31 (59.29)	34.76 (31.36)	Count ratio=1.19 (0.74, 1.91)	P=0.47
Trying to change			Overall p-effect modification=0.003 ²	
			o-effect modification (aOR)=0.006	
			p-effect modification (Count ratio)=0.83	
Not already trying	Non drinkers: 38/78 (48.72%)	8/85 (9.40%)	aOR=8.30 (3.02, 22.75)	P=0.001
	Mean in drinkers: 34.75 (44.77)	30.18 (25.89)	Count ratio=1.08 (0.66, 1.76)	P=0.48
Already trying	Non drinkers: 30/86 (34.88%)	23/87 (26.44%)	aOR=1.43 (0.17, 13.05)	P=0.26
	Mean in drinkers: 38.61 (44.14)	32.09 (30.05)	Count ratio=1.07 (0.36, 3.11)	P=0.84
Expectations of usefulness of counselling			Overall p-effect modification=0.97 ²	
			p-effect modification (aOR)=0.9	
			p-effect modification (Count ratio)=0.80	
Not or somewhat useful	Non drinkers: 12/36 (33.33%)	5/38 (13.16%)	aOR=3.65 (2.08, 6.42)	P<0.0001
	Mean in drinkers: 43.33 (35.96)	37.21 (32.01)	Count ratio=1.05 (0.80, 1.39)	P=0.72
Moderately or very useful	Non drinkers: 56/128 (43.75%)	26/134 (19.40%)	aOR=3.05 (1.73, 2.08, 5.36)	P=0.03
	Mean in drinkers: 34.89 (46.67)	29.17 (26.22)	Count ratio=1.01 (0.77, 1.34)	P=0.93

¹ Adjusting for counsellor clustering with robust standard errors ² Based on complete case analysis

Web-table 1: Comparison of participants who were followed up and LTFU at 3 months

	Lost before 3 month evaluation (n=41; 11%)	Completed 3 month outcome evaluation (n=336; 89%)	p-value
Age (years) (mean [SD])	38.5 (12.7)	42.4 (11.2)	0.04
Marital status (n [%])			0.07
Married	28 (68.3%)	273 (81.3%)	
Single	12 (29.3%)	58 (17.3%)	
Separated/Divorced	1 (2.4%)	1 (0.3%)	
Widowed	0 (0%)	4 (1.2%)	
Occupation (n [%])			0.20
Unemployed	2 (4.9%)	51 (15.2%)	
Unskilled manual labour	34 (82.9%)	232 (69.1%)	
Skilled manual labour	3 (7.3%)	22 (6.6%)	
Clerical & professional	2 (4.9%)	31 (9.2%)	
Patient's expectation of counselling (n [%])			
No/a little/somewhat useful	4 (9.8%)	74 (22.0%)	0.07
Moderately or very useful	37 (90.2%)	262 (77.8%)	
AUDIT score (median [IQR])	14 (13-16)	15 (13-17)	0.34
AUDIT score (mean (SD))	14.6 (1.9)	14.9 (2.1)	0.32
AUDIT category (n [%])			0.17
Score 12-15	30 (73.2%)	207 (61.6%)	
Score 16-19	11 (26.8%)	129 (38.4%)	

Web-Table 2: Serious adverse events by trial arm

Type of SAE	CAP Number of participants	EUC Number of participants	p- value
Any SAE	6	13	0.11
Death	0	3 1	0.25
Suicide attempt	0	3	0.25
Unplanned	6 ²	7	1.00
hospitalisation			

¹One death from jaundice and kidney failure, one snake bite, one heart attack ²Two participants reported two unplanned hospitalisations each.

Web Table 3: Distribution of participation in the RCT by PHC

PHC	Total	Consent to partic	p-value	
	n=678			
	n (%)	No	Yes	
		n=301 (44.4)	n=377 (55.6)	
		n (%)	n (%)	
Bicholim	97 (14.3)	35 (36.1)	62 (63.9)	p=0.001
Candolim	81 (11.9)	43 (53.1)	38 (46.9)	
Siolim	51 (7.5)	27 (52.9)	24 (47.1)	
Sanquelim	111 (16.4)	51 (46.0)	60 (54.1)	
Valpoi	79 (11.7)	23 (29.1)	56 (70.9)	
Pernem	56 (8.3)	28 (50.0)	28 (50.0)	
Aldona	82 (12.1)	50 (61.0)	32 (39.0)	
Casarvarnem	88 (13.0)	29 (33.0)	59 (67.1)	
Betki	22 (3.2)	9 (40.9)	13 (59.1)	
Corlim/Divar	11 (1.6)	6 (54.6)	5 (45.5)	

Supplementary Figure 1: Cost-effectiveness acceptability curve: willingness to pay per additional non-drinker achieved from Counselling for Alcohol Problems from a health system perspective.

